

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 4-10, 23, 26-32, and 36-39 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 23, and 32 are independent. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4-10, 23, 26, 32, and 36- 39 are amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 14-22, 24, 25, 33-35, and 40 are canceled without prejudice to or disclaimer of their subject matter.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representatives by Examiner of Record Michael R. Vaughan and Primary Examiner Syed Zia during the interview held on June 25, 2009, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

CLAIM OBJECTIONS

On pages 2 and 3, the Office Action objects to claims 11, 12, 14, 23, and 32. Applicant respectfully traverses these claim objections.

On pages 2 and 3, the Office Action objects to claims 11 and 12 for allegedly failing to further limit the subject matter of claims 2 and 11. In response, claims 11 and 12 are canceled.

On page 3, the Office Action objects to claims 14, 23, and 32 for allegedly having improper commas. In response, Applicant hereby moves the commas as suggested by Examiner Vaughan in claims 23 and 32. Claim 14 is canceled.

Having addressed all claim objections as described above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objections to claims 11, 12, 14, 23, and 32.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶2

On pages 3-5, the Office Action rejects claims 1-12 and 14-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

As agreed during the interview of June 25, 2009, Applicant has incorporated the Examiners' suggestions into the claims as described below.

First, independent claim 1 now recites, in part, the following subject matter: "an **encoded** multimedia data stream" (emphasis added). This subject matter finds support, for example, in paragraph [0023] in the published version of the specification, where a direct broadcast satellite (DBS) receiver or DVD player could act as the source of the encoded multimedia data stream. Similar language appears in independent claims 23 and 32. As agreed during the interview, this amendment provides context for the multimedia data recited in the claims.

Independent claim 1 further recites, in part, the following subject matter: “the **decoding** providing the multimedia stream to a **subscriber** authorized by the access control” (emphasis added). This subject matter finds support, for example, in paragraph [0060] in the published version of the specification. As further described in paragraph [0015], the access control and decoding steps are separate. Similar language appears in independent claims 23 and 32.

For the reasons listed above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 23, and 32, and the claims depending from those independent claims, satisfy 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 14-22, 24, 25, 33-35, and 40 are canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-12 and 14-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

On pages 6-10, the Office Action rejects claims 1-12 and 14-22 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over EP 875,813 to Ishiguro et al (hereinafter “Ishiguro”) in view of EP 952,733 to Paskins et al (hereinafter “Paskins”), further in view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0081391 to Mowery et al (hereinafter “Mowery”), and still further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,141,324 to Abbott et al (hereinafter “Abbott”). On pages 11-14, the Office Action rejects

claims 23-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Ishiguro in view of Paskins, and further in view of Abbott.

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. As agreed during the interview of June 25, 2009, Applicant has incorporated the Examiners' suggestions into the claims.

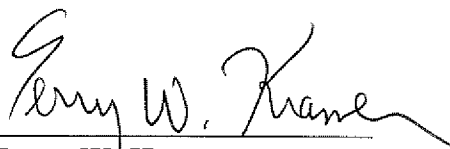
First, independent claims 1, 23, and 32 now recite, in part, the following subject matter: "a plurality of **PCI-Express** virtual channels, wherein the plurality of PCI-Express virtual channels comprises at least an **unencrypted** default virtual channel and a dedicated **encrypted** virtual channel"(emphasis added). As requested by the Examiners during the interview, claims 23 and 32 now recite this subject matter, formerly present in claim 1 and indicated to be allowable over the references of record during the interview.

For the reasons detailed above, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 23, and 32 are allowable. Claims 4-10 depend from claim 1. Claims 26-31 depend from claim 23. Claims 36-39 depend from claim 32. Thus, Applicant submits that claims 4-10, 26-31, and 36-39 are also allowable due to their respective dependencies from allowable claims. Claims 2, 3, 11, 12, 14-22, 24, 25, 33-35, and 40 are canceled. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-12 and 14-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections/objections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. In the event that the fees submitted prove to be insufficient in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge our Deposit Account Number 50-0578 and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone; the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Juergen Krause-Polstorff, of NXP Corporation at (408) 474-9062.

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